



By the King.

A Proclamation commanding Conformity
to his Maiesties pleasure, expressed in his late Char-
ter to the Tobacco-pipe-makers.



Hereas diuers of the poorer sort of Our Subiects haue hereto-
fore liued by the trade of making Tobacco-pipes, but for want of
power to retaine and keepe their Apprentices and seruants in due
obedience, and to restraine others from intruding vpon their Arte,
the auncient Makers haue not so well prospered as was desired: For
prevention of which inconueniences, and for reducing the Worke-
men in that trade to such a competent number, as they might bee
gouerned after the example of other Societie, who florish by rang-

ing themselves vnder good Orders; we did by Our late Charter Incorporate a selected num-
ber of the most ancient, and such others as they for skill and honestie should admit into their So-
cietie: Thereby prohibiting all others who were not members thereof, to make any sort of
Tobacco-pipes within Our Realme of England or Dominion of Wales; And thereby also
commanding, that no person or persons directly, or indirectly should buy Tobacco-pipes to sell
againe, of, or from the hands of any others then the knowne Members of the said Societie.
Yet nevertherlesse being lately informed by Certificate from sundry Our Justices of Peace of
Our Countie of Middlesex and Surrey (who in due obedience of Our Royall pleasure, decla-
red in Our said Charter, did in person assist the execution of the same) That diuers lewde and
obstinate offenders, had fortified themselves in their houses with weapons, And in contempt
of Our Regall Authority resisted them, comming with the severall warrants of the Lord
Chiese Justice of Our Bench, and other the Justices of Peace within Our Cittie of London,
and the said countie of Middlesex and Surrey; And also that there were diuers il disposed
persons (who delighting to oppose al good orders) contemptuously maintained these vnderhand
offendors, some by harboring the unlawfull Makers of Tobacco-pipes secretly in their houses,
there to make them contrary to Our Charter, to the end to partake of the stolne profit thereof;
Others, by buying secretly this vnder-hand made Ware, in contempt of Our Authority, and
with an euill intent of ouerthrowing this Societie which we haue sought to establish.

Now therefore, that by the presumptuous example of these disobedient persons, others may
not be encouraged hereafter by impunity to presume to resist and contenein Our Royall Com-
mandement in matters of greater moment, or to withstand the authority of Magistrates and
government, These are to charge and straitly command, that no persons whatsover within
this Our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales shall hereafter presume to make any

manner of Tobacco-pipes, but such as are or shall bee members of the saide Societie: nor shall presume to harbour in their houses any Tobacco-pipe-makers to vse their trade there, who are not of the saide Societie; nor that any person or persons (especially whs buy Tobacco-pipes to sell againe) shall at any time, or in any place buy or obtaine by any meanes, directly or indirectly any Tobacco-pipes whatsoever, from any vnder-handmakers or others, but only from such as are knowne members of the said Societie, & that at their common Hall, or other knowne warehouses appointed, or hereafter to bee appointed, where they may bee bought by all Our loving Subjects, vpon paine of Our high displeasure, and such punishments as are due for such contempts, whereof we shall require a strict account by proceeding against the offendours in Our Court of Starre-Chamber.

Further commanding, that if at any time heereafter any person shall bee so audacious as to fortifie themselves in their houses, or in the houses of any other, or to withstand Our will and pleasure heerein, or to resist Our authoritie given and imparted to Our Lord chiefe Justice and others, in the search or apprehension of them, or any of them; Then wee doe heereby will and require, that sufficient power be had and taken by such who shal haue such warrants, to apprehend such obstinate and contemptuous persons, and to carry them before Our said chiefe Justice, or other Justice of the Peace, that punishment may be inflicted on them in the severest manner Our Lawes will permit, by imprisoning their bodie, till they haue put in sufficient suretie for their good behaviour afterwards. Heereby further, straitly charging Our Attorney generall for the time being, that he cause all and every such wilfull and disobedient persons, for such their high contempt in this behalfe, to be prosecuted in Our Court of Starre-Chamber (where Our will is they shall bee sharply punished) according to the measure of such their audacious and bold resistance of Our Royall commandement. And to the intent that these frandes and abuses may the better be found out and punished, Our pleasure is, that it shall and may bee lawfull for any two, or more of the said Societie, together with a lawfull officer to enter into any suspected place or places, at lawful & conuenient times, there to search for, and finde out any vnder-hand made, or sold Tobacco-pipes; And all such so found to seize, take, and carry away, and them safelye to keepe to bee disposed of, according to the tenor of Our sayd Charter.

And lastly, for the full execution of this Our Royall Commandement, wee will and require the Lord Mayor of Our Cittie of London, for the time being, and all other Mayors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Bailiffes, Constables, and all other Officers and Ministers whatsoeuer; That they and every of them in their severall Offices and places, bee from time to time ayding and assisting to the Master, wardens, and Societie of Tobacco-pipe makers in the due execution and accomplishment of this Our Royall Will and Commandement, as they tender Our pleasure, and will answere the contrary at their perill.

Giuen at Our Court at Theobalds the seuen and twentieth day of May, in the eighteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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